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MISSOURI!

No one of these United States is at present attracting more attention among the immigrants, both from abroad and from the older States—than "Broad Missouri"—and justly so. "Beautiful for situation" is she among her sisters—lying between the parallels of latitude 36 and 41, she occupies the very centre of the United States. It matters not for our purpose, now, to show the reasons *why* she has been hitherto overlooked, while States to the North and West of her have received the attention of persons seeking new homes; yet, such has been the fact.

But, now, all barriers are removed, and the great agricultural and mineral wealth of our State, is attracting universal admiration; and the day is fast approaching, when Missouri will not only be the most central, but, in every respect, among the first, if not *the* first, State in the Union. We acknowledge the great fertility of the Prairie State on our East; the intelligence, thrift and enterprise of her citizens, and the diversity of her climate—but she is every day parting with many of her children, who are making new and more extended homes on our side of the "Father of Waters." We might enumerate others of the older States that are sending us some of their most enterprising and wealthy men, who wish to enlarge their domain and number their kine and equines by hundreds instead of tens; who are desirous to see their sturdy sons and sons-in-law, proprietors of farms larger than a twenty-acre lot: they come from all the States that lie to the East and Southward of our own—yes, even from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Missouri has been a sealed book to a great many people; and, when they come and see for themselves, they exclaim, like the Queen of Sheba: "The half has not been told me!"

It fairly makes one's brain reel, to contemplate the mineral wealth of our State, both as to its great diversity and extent. We can speak (not metaphorically either) of mountains of iron, of tin mountains, of lead, zinc, silver, gold and nickel mines; the most of which have only just been touched—for we can not call it worked; our coal beds are inexhaustible, for a thousand years to come. We have the best of stone and even marble quarries, china clay,

pottery clay, and the pure white sand for the manufacture of glass. Here, then, are the fundamental resources for mechanics, artisans and laborers of all kinds.

But, the great attractions to most of our readers, are the broad and fertile acres for the pasturage of stock; the vine-clad hills; the large peach and apple orchards; the sylvan haunts of Pomona—these are the desire of the farmer and fruit grower; and just in these particulars does Missouri excel. Her prairies are as rich as those of Illinois and Iowa; she has as much and as good timber as either; she has large and navigable rivers, affording cheap transportation; and, with a semi-tropical climate for the larger part of the State—which lies South of the Missouri river—the products of her soil are more varied than those of any of her sister States. We cannot conscientiously omit to mention the length and extent of her railroads, which are now penetrating into the regions far remote, where the locomotive whistle has never been heard, and which were never pushed with greater vigor. It will not be long before the North Missouri road will have spread her branches to the State lines, both North and West; the South Pacific will have reached the South-west corner of the State; and, above, and beyond all others, the great Pacific will open the central Highway across this continent from California to the Atlantic coast—right through the middle of the State of Missouri. We cannot, in this short paper, refer specifically to the great extent of our navigable rivers, but we hope to do so soon.

It is, in a measure, needless to remind our readers that the value of real estate throughout the entire State is every day being enhanced. It is therefore simply impossible to give accurate prices of lands in the different sections of the State. We know that there are thousands of acres of rich, beautiful, undulating, virgin prairie, in the Northern part of the State, which can be purchased at from five to ten dollars per acre. Improved (?) farms sell higher, principally on account of buildings and fences; but we should prefer the *unimproved* lands at the same rate. In traveling over the North Missouri or Hannibal and St. Joe roads, one is hardly ever out of sight of timber lands. The

last named of these two roads and also the South Pacific, have lands for sale.

Any person wishing to engage in lumbering, should go to South-eastern Missouri. South and Central Missouri are more especially adapted to the cultivation of grapes and fruits—always bearing in mind that all parts of the State will grow all the hardier kinds of fruit.

We close this short paper with an extract from an address of Prof. G. C. Swallow, read before the State Board of Agriculture:

"Our prairies of the North and West, as grand and beautiful as the Campana, and as rich as the soils of the Nile—will soon be covered with a continuous succession of broad acres in rustling corn and waving grain, and vast herds of fat cattle shall crop the luxuriant herbage. The valleys of our Southern border, more beautiful than Arcadia, with suns and winds as genial as Tempe—will surpass the gardens of Alcivous in the richness and variety of their fruits. These mountains, richer in dews than Hermon, and hills, more fruitful than Olivet—will surpass the vine clad hills of Italy and Greece, in the extent of their vineyards, and vie with Falernium and the Rhine, in the quality of their wines; and the broad table lands of the South-west, with fountains more limpid than Castalia, will surpass Judea and all the Orient, in its flocks and herds.

"When industrial education shall have accomplished all these happy results; when the farmers' 'Speed the plow' is heard from all our broad prairies; when the rustic pipe of the shepherd shall gladden our South-western highlands; and when every hillside shall be vocal with the vine dresser's song—then shall our youth hasten to engage in these rural pursuits as an everlasting holiday, and sing with Virgil:

"Would you be strong? go follow up the plow;
Would you be wise? go study fields and flowers;
Go seek your school in Nature's sunny bowers;
Fly from the city; nothing there can charm—
Seek wisdom, strength, and virtue on a farm;

"Where fraudless innocence and peaceful rest—
Unbounded plains and endless riches blest;
Where caves, and living springs, and airy glades,
And the soft low of kine, and sleepy shades,
Are never wanting."

Missouri Stock Importing and Breeding Association.

A company by this name is now being organized in Missouri, with a capital of \$100,000, for importing and breeding all kinds of stock. An institution of this kind is very much needed in our State. Scarcely a day passes, that we have not more or less inquiries for the improved breeds of horses, cattle, sheep, swine or poultry. In such cases we are generally compelled to inform our correspondents that we do not know where such stock is to be obtained, or refer them to Eastern breeders. With such an association as is proposed to be formed, Western farmers can be supplied with stock, without being compelled to send a thousand or more miles for it. The shares will be one hundred dollars each, and calls of not more than ten or twenty per cent. will be required at any one time, nor more than fifty per cent. of the stock subscribed will be required the first year. Those interested in breeding, will now have an opportunity to unite with this company, and help

along this enterprise, and in the end help themselves; for it cannot fail to prove profitable. The State is filling up with an enterprising population, who will want the best breeds as fast as they are able to buy them. Those wishing to take stock in the Missouri Importing and Breeding Association, can address the office of this paper.

POTATO HUMBUGS.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: As I see another good article from Concord—this last in regard to "Potato Humbugs"—I am tempted to add my experience to his; and, if you deem the same worthy of notice, you may give it an airing through the *World*:

Although I fully concur in pronouncing the Early Race Horse a humbug—as worthless as the Early Handsworth—I can't condemn the Early Rose, Cuzco, Monitor and Titicaca.

Last spring I planted the Early Rose, Early Race Horse, Early Handsworth, Early Sovereign, Early White Sprout, Early Goodrich, Titicaca, Delmahoy, Strawberry, Harrison, Cuzco, Garnett Chili, Peach Blow and Neshannock, side by side—all receiving the same care and culture. The Early Rose yielded about 60 per cent.; the Cuzco the same; the Goodrich about 50; and so on down—down to the Race Horse and Handsworth, which I dug and threw to the hogs. I am pleased with the Early Rose, Goodrich, White Sprout, Harrison, Cuzco and improved Peach Blow. Others I will test further before I pronounce upon their merits—at least, such as promise well.

The Rose and Cuzco are very rank growers, and will likely suit our climate; as I think they will make a crop, rain or no rain. Last season I raised over 400 bushels of the Cuzco to the acre; the Goodrich less than 200; Peach Blow less than 50, and the Neshannock less than 40. This was a dry year, comparatively. The Cuzco is a potato of fine appearance, and medium quality—cooks something like the Neshannock. The Rose is a fine looking variety, but I conceive the smell of the "green backs" would spoil the taste entirely, and so can't pronounce upon its merits in that regard.

Concord and Ozark please me very much. They are the right men in the right place, and I hope they will write right along. DELMAHOY. Doniphan Co., Kan.

A VALUABLE SUGGESTION.

A friend, recently made a suggestion, which in our opinion deserves the attention of Agricultural Fair Associations. He proposes that, in place of money, small premiums shall, at the option of the recipient, be awarded in the shape of agricultural and horticultural books, or in free subscriptions for one or more years to some standard agricultural paper.

This proposition strikes us as practical, as well as excellent in its tendency. Many of our farmer friends, we opine, would derive a much greater benefit from the careful perusal and study, each week or each month, of *Colman's Rural World*, the *American Stock Journal*, the *New York Agriculturist*, or some other of the many able and excellent agricultural journals now published in this country, than they are likely to derive from the receipt of a dollar or two, awarded at a county Fair.

We hope this excellent suggestion will receive the consideration it deserves.—*Weekly Tribune, Jefferson City.*

Wheat Raising—Cow Stable—Hens Laying.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: We have had an unusually wet winter. The wheat, in this section, looks badly—much of it frozen out; especially, that sown broadcast. The drilled also is injured, but not to so great an extent. Many of our farmers sow their wheat too thin. Last fall I drilled one bushel to the acre—that, I think, not sufficient. Most farmers will say that with the drill, a bushel to the acre is enough. Some say even less; but, in walking through my wheat fields, I notice that where the wheat was sown thick, it has frozen out very little, if any; but, wherever you find a thin spot, there it is all "gone up." "He that soweth bountifully, shall reap bountifully." Therefore, I intend to drill not less than a bushel and a peck to the acre, after this.

I believe that were all the wheat to grow, a bushel would be sufficient, and would make a heavier yield, than where more is sown.

In conclusion, I wish to ask a few questions: I notice in a former *Rural*, that some one advised rolling wheat in the spring. 1. What time should it be rolled? and in what way—with the drills or crosswise? 2. I have a stable 22x12 feet that I wish to convert into a cow stable; now, how many cows can this be made to accommodate; how are the stalls to be made, &c.? 3. My other half wants to know why her hens don't lay? PEPIN, Forest Retreat, Mo.

REMARKS: 1. Wheat should be rolled with the drills, and not across them; this should be done after the frost is out of the ground and when the land is in good working order.

2. Your stable building of 22 feet in length, can accommodate six cows. They should be fastened in stanchions, or by cattle ties. No divisions by stalls are necessary.

3. Hens can't help laying, if they have good, comfortable quarters, and abundance of good food, plenty of water and are in a healthy condition. Sometimes too many are kept. Twenty or thirty will lay more eggs than eighty or a hundred. They get *pro rata* more animal food, such as bugs, worms, the pickings about the yard, &c. Young hens, likewise, lay better than old ones. Save your early pullets for layers.

From Woodson County, Kansas.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: In the Feb. 27th number of your excellent paper, under the heading "Curb," the author delivers himself of a volley of lingo about as intelligible to common farmers, or even good English scholars, as Greek to an Osage Indian. No doubt his remarks are proper, and very plain to men of his calling—but to common, practical farmers, there is but one word in his article—(hook)—that gives even the most remote idea of the location of said disease. I would suggest to writers for your invaluable paper, that they use the most common phrases of the language—for it is among common working farmers that it is mainly read and appreciated. Peaches in our county are nine-tenths killed by the cold of Dec. 11th and 12th. The weather for six months has been extremely wet, but at this date very spring-like.

What is the matter with my cherry seed. I froze them during the winter and planted two seasons—but not a seed sprouted. T. A. B., March 7.

REMARKS—The cherry seeds may have been too old to grow; or they may have been thrown in heaps to ferment, and thus get rid of the pulp, and the fermentation thus have destroyed the germ of the seed.

Chicago tenants are like snails; when they move they carry their houses with them.

It is expected that more than a million acres of new prairie will be broken in Iowa this year.

As a rule, the English farm horse has better lodging and takes fewer steps in getting to his work than the English farm laborer.

Some of the sugar plantations of Louisiana, have done so well this year as to have yielded sums equal in value to lands, houses and machinery.

[Reported for Colman's Rural World, by O. L. Barler.]

Ills. Industrial University Lectures.

Planting Potatoes in the Moon—Different Varieties—Early York the Best—Planting Small Potatoes—Storing Potatoes.

Mr. Jon. Periam, who has charge of the experimental farm at Champaign, gave a very lengthy and exhaustive lecture on the Potato.

After giving a detailed account of the history and comparative value of the potato—its diseases—required conditions, &c., he made the following points, in the conclusion of his remarks:

PLANTING IN THE MOON.

I have often been asked whether I would plant certain seeds in the old or the new of the moon. This planting in the moon as it is called, is mere heathenish superstition, but like other pagan practices, which some of us follow, has fact mixed up with error. Seeds sprout more quickly in the dark, and grow faster in the light, and therefore, if we plant that which is slow to germinate, as the potato, in the old of the moon, it has the dark nights in which to break, and just as light nights come on, it absorbs carbon and grows right along.

If we plant peas which germinate quickly in the new of the moon, they have the light nights to grow in, so that the foggyish, inscientific and superstitious planter has the facts on his side, only he does not know why. Therefore, if you must plant potatoes late, do it in the old of the moon, if it comes after the middle of June. But in this latitude I should prefer to plant, especially if early sorts, the first of July, rather than the first of June.

VARIETIES OF POTATOES.

After having tried all the new sorts, except—such as sell at \$1 to \$3 per pound, I still plant Early York or Buckeye—if it is Buckeye, in March for early, and in June and July for late crops.

Last season I found but little difference in productiveness between Early Goodrich, Chenery and Sebce—they ripened together. Early York, however, produced the best crop.

The first eatable potatoes were produced from the Chenery, June 15. Upon the 20th, Goodrich, Sebce, and Early York were eatable. Jackson White, Calico, Peach Blow and Harrison, were affected by the drouth to such a degree that they were a very light crop. They were all planted March 21st.

PLANTING SMALL POTATOES.

The planting of small potatoes cannot be too much deprecated—and why otherwise intelligent farmers will practice planting inferior and small potatoes, and at the same time be so careful in saving seed of corn and other cereals, is something wonderful. I have reduced a crop one-half in four years by the experiment.

A single strong eye, with a liberal quantity of tuber attached, is as good as more.

In planting whole potatoes, none but the strongest eyes grow; while, if all the apparent eyes are cut out, there will still be latent eyes, which under favorable circumstances will germinate.

The small potatoes, however, in this day of high prices, may be utilized thus: Select a certain portion of the best potatoes, sufficient for the seed of the next year to be saved from, and if you continue this practice from year to year, you may plant the small potatoes for the market crop; but, in no case, must seed be saved from the produce of these small potatoes. It is not necessary that we send a long distance for change of seed. I have proved, from my own experience, that plants will not degenerate, if care be taken to save seed from the best specimens, but will on the other hand improve.

THE STORING OF POTATOES.

More attention should be paid to the storing of potatoes, than is generally allowed. Those intended for eating, should be kept as much as possible from the light and air, and all potatoes should be kept at such a temperature as to prevent germination.

But potatoes intended for planting, certainly sprout more kindly, and more quickly, if they are exposed to the air sufficiently in the fall to become even greened before storing, on the same principle, perhaps, that the roots of trees, dug in the autumn, and healed in, get callused, and ready for growth in the spring.

Upper Alton, Ill., Jan. 30, 1869.

When a ton of wheat is marketed, it leaves nothing behind but five dollars worth of straw. When a ton of meat is sold, it has left behind it nine-tenths of the manurial value of the food consumed in making it.

Tippecanoe county, Indiana, offers \$50,000 if the State will locate the agricultural college within their limits. That is not only public spirit, but true thrift.

From Mississippi County, Mo.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: We have had a very mild winter in this county, and we began to think there would be no more cold weather, but since the 15th of February we have changed our opinion. It has been unusually dry this winter; very little snow or rain. Wheat looks well; has been growing all winter—but this cold weather I fear will injure it. Corn is the great staple of this county, as it is easier cultivated and a surer crop than anything else—the average yield last year was 45 bushels per acre. The bottom lands yielded from 65 to 70 bushels per acre as a general thing. There was a larger crop of corn raised, both as to acreage and yield, than had been for many years. Cotton is a sure crop—it has not been injured by the frost since Aug. 31, 1868. From 600 to 800 pounds per acre is an average crop. It does best on a sandy soil, and is almost as good as a coat of manure for other crops that follow it. There is not as much hay raised in this county as there ought to be. One great objection is, that it grows too tall and coarse.

Will you inform me: 1. What kind of grass seed will succeed best on low, wet clay soil, where the water stands in places occasionally—would Timothy or Red Top do? 2. Will clover do sowed with oats in the spring? 3. Are oats or wheat, sown in a young orchard, injurious? 4. When an orchard has been cultivated well for ten years, is it necessary to cultivate longer, or is it best to seed it down in grass?—if so, what kind is best? W. D. C., March 6

REPLY.—1. Red Top will undoubtedly do best on such a soil as you describe; thick seeding will make your hay finer. 2. It will do well to sow clover with oats or other spring grain; but the stubble should be left longer than if there were no clover. 3. A young orchard is seriously damaged by seeding it down. Some folks think it ought to be made a prison offence. 4. We would give the land up to the trees, and, if nothing more, plow shallow in June, turning under the weeds; but if grass, or other crop, must be sown, by all means sow clover.

From Wabash County, Illinois.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: We have had a very mild winter. March has come in very rough. We are all expecting an early season and an abundant harvest. There is a finer prospect for wheat than there has been for the last five years. It has not been hurt by the late freezing, as there has been snow on the ground the most of the time. There is a large quantity of corn in the cribs waiting for a rise in the markets, and for the roads to get so that it can be delivered.

Pork has been mostly shipped. Hogs are very scarce and command exorbitant prices, owing to the high price of pork; and some are dying with the cholera. Oats are scarce—hardly enough for home demand. Fruit has not yet been injured. Hay plenty and in good demand. Potatoes are plenty, and selling from forty to sixty cents per bushel. We feel our need of the Air Line railroad. EGYPTIAN.

March 13th, 1869.

FROM MADISON CO., ILLS.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: In accordance with the promise made, I send you a notice of the call for a meeting of farmers and others to be held April 3d, 1869:

A FARMERS' SOCIETY.

The undersigned intends calling and organizing a monthly or quarterly meeting of farmers and others, to meet at the court house, in Belleville, on the first Saturday in April, and on such other days as may be agreed upon, for the purpose of investigating cause and effect, the whys and the wherefores, as well as how to do and how not to do, the various pursuits that engage the attention and welfare of our people.

I. Agriculture—in all its manifold bearings and relations to the community at large.

II. Horticulture—in all its branches, such as Pomology, Floriculture, Ampelography, Land scape, Ornamental and Kitchen Gardening.

III. Entomology, Ornithology, Apiary and Pisciculture.

IV. Raising and improving the various kinds of Farm Animals, such as the Equines, Bovines, Ovines and Porcines.

V. Mechanic Arts.

Every person who takes any interest in any or all of the above pursuits in life, is hereby requested to meet with us on the day above named. Bring along or send your essays on any of the above subjects, for publication and general knowledge. Any young man or woman, who understands the science of Stenography, and who is willing to offer his or her services, *pro bono publico*, is requested to meet with us. It is expected that farmers, and others, will bring their wives and daughters to our meetings—they having the same interests in the bivouac of life, and the same struggle for existence, as their male superiors—inferiors I should have said.

GEORGE C. EISENMAYER.

CROPS, &c.—The prospect for a good wheat crop was never better than this year in this county. Every cold spell we have, is accompanied with a little snow, sufficient to protect the wheat and keep it healthy and thrifty.

Some of my neighbors, who have peach orchards on the highest hills of our county, tell me that they expect a part of a crop, and that the buds are not all killed. Although this is the most precarious crop a farmer raises, yet there are nearly always some, in some peculiar localities.

A praiseworthy step is taken in the right direction by some of our brewers, viz., that of importing Northern spring barley, and offering it at reasonable rates to our farmers, for seed. If some of our millers, or a farmers' club, would have done the same, by introducing into this the largest wheat growing county in the State, a new and better variety of *Seed Wheat*, it might have been worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to our people. Well, it is not too late yet; and we learn by experience—which is the best, although severest teacher.

Mascoutah, Ill., Mar. 6th.

G. C. E.

REMARKS.—We are afraid our friend has not hit upon the best time, simply because farmers will be too busy. The move is a good one, however; and, if alive and well, the office of the *Rural World* will be represented; and we may have something to say on the occasion.

SAGGING GATE POSTS.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: "J. G. I." tells "C. P." how to save the trouble of leveling gate posts. Now, let us tell "J. G. I." how to save the trouble of going to the top of a tree to get a post with a peculiar kind of limb. Now, let us get two substantial posts, allowing three feet to go in the ground, with just as much above ground as will do, and no more; then dig the holes three feet deep; put in the post to which the gate will hang; put in one foot of clay; pack tight; then put in six inches of small rock; pack again; plumb the post, so the gate will hang right; fill up the hole; hang the gate, and plant the other post to fit. Now get a log, ten or twelve inches in diameter, just long enough to fit between the posts, at the bottom; split this log open and lay one piece two or three inches in the ground, between the posts, flat side down—see that the ends fit nicely against each post. This will hold the posts to their places under any circumstances; freezing and thawing will not hurt them. The cross piece is also a good barrier against pigs, geese, and other small intruders. H. W. P.

Lincoln Co., Mo.

Lead pencil marks on zinc, will last longer, when exposed to the weather, than the same marks on anything else. Hence the superiority of zinc for tree labels.

FEED BETTER.

MR. EDITOR: The high price of beef ought to make farmers take more pains in raising and keeping cattle. We wish to talk to the masses: Just to see the poor, weakly cattle, at this time on most farms, wintered on straw and stalks (and not enough of that), so that they can barely live till grass—then it takes all summer to gain the flesh they ought to have in spring. It is not fine stock, farmers need so much, as that they keep those they have better. The main point in keeping cattle is, to keep them growing all winter. A steer that is well kept, is worth more money at three years old than one kept in the ordinary way is at four years old. In good feeding, there is one year gained. If our common cattle are well fed and cared for, they will, at three years old, weigh 1,500 pounds. Now, there is a majority of steers that goes to market at four years old, that want to weigh 1,500 pounds. If farmers would only study their own interest, and keep their young cattle better, they would get as much for them—save one year's feed—and the interest on the money one year, and there would be better beef.

CATTLE FEEDER.

WINTER WHEAT.—The only crop of especial interest at this season of the year is winter wheat, and our information in regard to this crop is not as full and accurate as we had hoped for, yet we feel that our reports cover a sufficient extent of territory to warrant us in saying that the prospects for this cereal are good.—The breadth sown is doubtless much larger than last year, and the winter thus far has been so favorable as to keep the young plants vigorous and in good condition, and without a very severe, dry and windy March, the farmers may hope to gather a good crop of winter wheat the coming harvest.

In Jersey, Green and Morgan counties, Illinois, winter wheat is the principal crop, as in many other parts of the States, and in Missouri, and in these counties the wheat is in good condition, and particularly fine at this time.

Reports from central and other parts of Illinois, from Iowa, and in fact, all reports, so far as received, are of the same import and indicate a larger breadth than usual sown, and the condition good. The success of this crop last year, and the extra price paid for it over spring wheat, has stimulated the cultivation of it in northern Illinois, and parts of Iowa, where the people have heretofore relied almost wholly upon spring wheat.

We know of some farmers resorting to the expedient of sowing oats upon the ground with the wheat, and with considerable promise of success, too, as the rank growth of young oats when killed down by the frost covers up and protects the wheat.

We think it a fair summing up of our reports upon winter wheat, to say that there is a large increase over previous years, of acres sown, and that the condition is unusually good for the season.—[Chariton county, (Mo.) Union.

POPULATION OF SPRINGFIELD MO.—The State census for 1868 has been completed, and in the report of the population of cities, Springfield is set down at 1,964, and Greene county at 12,792. The population of the county is correct, according to the report of Mr. Walker, the county assessor, but the population of the city is nearly double the number reported. We claim that within the city limits there are over 3,500, and immediately outside, and properly belonging to the city, 1,500, which makes 5,000. These figures by many are considered too low.—[Leader.

SALES OF LAND IN MISSOURI.—We learn from J. M. Willis, Esq., Land Agent of the Hannibal and St. Joe Railroad, that the sales of lands by that road last year amounted to \$1,758,607.47. The company originally owned, 601,329 acres of land, and have now remaining unsold only 198,000 acres, showing the aggregate sales to amount to 403,327 acres. Most of this land has been sold to actual settlers since the close of the war, from which we glean an idea of the rapid increase in the population of our State.

From Philips County, Ark.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: I notice, in several papers, a description of a grass called the *Lespedeza striata*, in which it is stated that the seeds may be sown on land in a rough state, without any preparation; that it spreads rapidly, and will soon cover the entire country; said to be fine for stock and adapted to the southern climate. If such be the case, it is indeed a great grass. Do you know anything of the history or character of this grass? If so, I would ask if there is any difficulty in getting rid of it, when the land might be needed for crops? Is it in the least similar to the Bermuda or Coco grass. I have had sufficient experience with the Bermuda to last me a lifetime, should I live to be as old as Methuselah. I consider it a curse upon any land which the owner ever thinks of cultivating. Let me hear from you in regard to the grass. What will cleanse chains from rust, caused from having been in water some time? P. B. KING.

LOUISIANA STATE FAIR.—The third Annual State Fair of this State commences the 6th day of April. It is to continue eight days. The list of premiums offered is very liberal, including money, medals and diplomas. A list of railway and steamboat lines who carry exhibitors and their wares at half price to and from the Fair, is published. Five thousand dollars are set apart, in addition to the premiums offered, as premiums for such objects of especial interest as may, in the opinion of the Awarding Committees, be deserving and are not named in the premium list. Luther Homes, New Orleans, is the Secretary.

The Dairy.

GOOD vs. POOR BUTTER.

If all the butter made in the West was a number one article, the receipts of the farmers would be more than double what they are at present. The fact is, very much of the butter generally thrown on this, and the markets of Western cities, would be used for soap grease (really all it is fit for), if good or even fair butter could be had generally; but, because people will have some kind of butter, and choice being scarce, and consequently very high, they have to take up with such as they can procure. This matter, as far as it concerns the dollars, cannot be named by hundreds of thousands, for the territory West of the Mississippi river. Why will not our farmers strive to produce the best of everything? Some one asks, why is this? well, if every question propounded to us could be answered as easily, we should have little trouble on that score. 1. Farmers themselves think it a small matter; they furnish no conveniences, because they claim none of the proceeds; these being generally (and generously?) given to the wife, ostensibly for pin money, but really to procure any little individual necessary article, for which the husband has no money. 2. Being thought of but little consequence, the cows are not brought up regularly. 3. The milk is often kept in the common kitchen or living room, exposed to the flavor of boiled cabbage or other dinner. 4. The cows have no attention, no clean shed or stable, no pure water, and no milk-producing feed. 5. The proper kind of salt and packages are not provided. 6. A sufficient number of cows are not provided to fill the firkin or package quickly; and, lastly, the family supply is taken out of the same package from day to day.

What's the Matter with the Milk?

COL. COLMAN: We have had no trouble in getting milk ready for the churn, and making very superior, nice, yellow butter, all this winter, until the past ten days. Last Tuesday and Wednesday week, the milk was kept in the dining-room for Thursday's churning, and Wednesday night was taken into another room, as usual, which was warmed by a stove, where it remained until after usual breakfast time Thursday morning, and then, at a moderate temperature, was put into a churn, churned nearly all day, and late in the afternoon the butter "came." This milk was not frozen while in the dining-room, nor overheated in the chamber. The milk saved Thursday and Friday for churning Saturday, was treated in like manner, and the butter was made in ten minutes. The milk saved on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and churned Tuesday morning was similarly treated; was churned all day, and no butter came at all. The milk saved Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, set in the family room twenty four hours; churned all day; warm water was added, but to no effect. No butter came. All of this milk "turned" well. The weather has not been as cold as some we have had this winter, the thermometer ranging from 20° to 35° above zero. Our cows (we milk two) are in good condition, being fed upon a mixed feed of boiled corn on cob, cut hay wet and mixed with wheat bran, and turnips, carrots and parsnips; kept housed at night and turned out in day. Persons professing to know, say that milk from cows affected with "milk sick" will not make butter. Our cows show no sign of sickness; so I feel safe against that cause, and think it must have some other. Charlie, a native of the Emerald Isle, says some body has stolen the butter from the cows. That still is not satisfactory. So if you, or any of your many correspondents, can explain "what is the matter with the milk" and give us a way to make the butter "come," we would like to hear from you through your valuable *World*. *Fulton county, Kentucky, March, 8th, 1869. K.*

REPLY.—We have answered similar questions on page 101, present volume of the *Rural World*. The only true test of the temperature of cream is, the thermometer. But we expect the trouble with the cows is either in the approach of the time of calving; or the other extreme—no calves. It will sometimes happen that local causes exist of which no man can judge unless present on the spot. We do not think the difficulty permanent, nor is it uncommon.

SELECTING COWS.—A Vermont stock raiser gives the following rules for selecting cows: "First, I get a broad-side view of the animal, at the distance of about two rods, as I have noticed for years that there was a great similarity in the general proportion of all first-class milkers, being very small in girth just back of their forward legs, as compared with their girth just forward of their hips. I have never known a first-rate milker, of any breed, not thus proportioned; so that if this form is wanting in an animal I have recommended to me, I do not care to look at her more, unless I want to breed for some other purpose than the dairy. For breeding oxen, I should want a cow of reverse proportions, i. e., larger girth forward. I next feel the size of the milk veins, and trace them to their entrance into the chest, which, in superior cows, are large, admitting the ball of the larger finger; if divided, or subdivided, as is sometimes the case, I judge of the size of each orifice, as I care less for the size of the vein itself than the orifice. Next, examine, by sight or touch, the udder or bag, which must be capacious in order to hold much milk, with teats wide apart, and free from large seed warts or sores of any kind. I then inquire how long she goes dry before calving, as I don't want a family cow to give milk less than forty-six weeks out of every fifty-two; also, as to the quality of the milk; and, to close, I milk her with my own hands."

Horse Department.

HORSE GOSSIP.

Most of men find it difficult to use a saddle without injury to the back of their horse; and, on this account, a great preference is given to this or that style of saddle; some preferring one shape, and another, a different make altogether. The fact in the case is, that the saddle hurts only where it does not fit on the back of the horse properly; and this is not the fault of the maker any more than a clothing dealer is at fault for not having a coat to fit the shape of every man's back and shoulders who comes along. Horses differ in shape on the back almost as much as men; and a saddle that fits well on one horse, would not suit another horse at all. The only remedy is, to arrange a pad under the saddle, that will bring the weight equally on every part of the back. No amount of new saddles will do any good, unless the saddle fits in a way that the pressure is equal under every part of it; and any saddle can be used, if the rider knows how to arrange the pad to suit the form of the back of the horse.

L. L. Dorsey, Esq., of Kentucky, is out in another challenge, to trot Gold Dust stock against the world. He gives his views in regard to breeding horses, and advances many new and strange ideas on that subject. Mr. D. expresses his doubts, as to the sire of Dexter being Hambletonian. In a conversation with him a short time since, he said to us that he firmly believed that not one drop of the English blood horse Messenger, runs in the veins of the thousand and one animals whose owners claim a great deal, on account of tracing their pedigree back to Messenger. He says it is not possible for horses that look so rough as many of these horses do, to have any of the blood of the high-finished, English race horse, in them; that it is bred out entirely by crossing on other stock, even if they ever had any of the fine blood they claim—which is extremely doubtful with many of them. The theory of our friend is—that in crossing, you often lose one side altogether in two or three crosses.

I believe there is much truth in what Mr. Dorsey says, for it is extremely difficult for any sensible man to think for a moment, that the many rough, club-footed, round-legged horses, scattered over the country, whose owners print in the bills with emphasis, the name of that distinguished and truly fine horse Messenger—are in any way related to this horse.

No one in this country ever kept a record of horses, except those who bred the English racing stock. No other family of horses ever had a register, until within a few years.

An effort was made once to get up a Morgan breed of horses, and some foolish people really believed they had pure blood Morgan horses. I have often heard men say their horse was a "thorough-bred Morgan;" and, so ignorant were they, in matters of this kind, that they really thought so.

We learn that Mr. John Reber, of Lancaster, Ohio, has contracted for a superb young racing stallion in England, and will import him to this country sometime next. Mr. Reber has

been a very successful breeder of fine horses of the class named above. He imported Bonnie Scotland, who will be recollected as the winner of the grand prize at the St. Louis fair last fall. From this horse, some of our best turf horses have sprung.

The once famous trotter, Erricson, formerly named Kentucky Chief, and now owned by K. C. Barker, of Detroit, Michigan, has been sent to the stables of Mr. Enoch Lewis, of Fayette county, Kentucky. Erricson, we believe, is credited with the best trot ever made by a four-year old in this country. He was bred and raised by Mr. Lewis, who sold him to his present owner some years ago—soon after his great performance at Woodlawn, near Louisville.

GOSSIPER.

THE NORMAN STALLION LOUIS NAPOLEON.—This celebrated Norman horse is now twenty-one years old. He is said to weigh 1,650 pounds. He was imported in 1851, and has been owned in Illinois for a number of years; he is now owned by the Messrs. Dillon, of Bloomington, Ills. It is claimed that he is the sire of over four hundred stallion colts.

At the late farmers' convention at Manchester, N. H., Colonel T. S. Lang, of North Vassalboro', the owner of the famous stallion, General Knox, stated that this horse had netted him sixty thousand dollars, and increased the value of the horse stock of Maine many hundred thousands.

Answers to Correspondents.

From Henry County, Mo.

COL. COLMAN: In your issue of the 6th inst., I see that "G. F. K." of this county, wishes to know "whether it will do to set out an orchard on prairie," &c. Also, in your Feb. 27th issue, another of our citizens, writing from Windsor, advertises for a wife.

Now, I am not in the habit of writing for publication—but, as an old resident of this county, am somewhat jealous of its reputation.

1. As to "G. F. K.'s" inquiry—If he means unbroken prairie, I would suggest that he scalp off the turf for three or four feet around the tree, and cultivate the space. I planted a peach orchard in unbroken prairie when I first settled in this county, and the trees barely kept alive and did not grow till cultivated. My advice would be, break your prairie at any time when the grass is green and growing, and plant your orchard in the fall. Breaking prairie in the fall or early spring, before the grass starts, does not kill the turf, and the grass will turn about and grow through the sod. If "G. F. K." means prairie soil, I would say he must be one of the numerous late arrivals, and has not had time to inform himself by observation and inquiry in his immediate neighborhood. A ride over Henry County will convince him, that it will not only do, but do exceeding well. The oldest and best orchards, with but few exceptions, all grow on what was prairie—and before I had one of my own (growing on prairie land also), I used to buy my winter's supply of fruit at them for from 20 to 25 cents per bushel, by gathering them myself in the fall; and as large and well flavored apples as I ever saw, and of many varieties. Henry county soil is deep and rich, and I believe will grow almost anything that will grow elsewhere in the same latitude.

Now as to our Windsor friend, who wants a wife, I would say he might "go further and fare worse." Henry county turns out some as fine specimens as I ever saw—and I have traveled some. During the war I saw them harness the team and cultivate the entire crop, as well as do all the chores pertaining to farm life—and they are not wanting in intelligence and refinement either. At all events I would advise not to close the contract—if distant—too hastily; he might fare as some of my neighbors did in their purchase of dollar a pound seed potatoes. Advertising for a wife indeed! Where is his tongue? Persons who did not know better, might think we lived in a region where the bonnet-dance prevailed.

I have 1½ acres in Concord and Norton grape vines, planted last spring. As they made but short growth last season owing to drouth, I did not tie them up—consequently the spurs, after pruning to three eyes, stand out horizontally. Should they be

forced back to an upright position and tied to the stakes, or will they right themselves sufficiently when they begin to grow—they are very stiff and hard to bend.

W. A. D.

ASHES FOR WHEAT.—Eds. Rural World: Please inform me when is the proper time to apply ashes to wheat to prevent rust?

Please ask "Gossip" what he thinks of Melbourne—a colt of the Knight of St. George—owned by Wm. R. Lewis, of Scott Co., Ky. I think him the finest horse I ever saw.

Our wheat is looking fine, and as there is a great breadth sown with us, we look for a good time coming.

B. O. D., Doniphan, Kans.

ANSWER.—Unleached ashes are good as a fertilizer, and will stimulate crops to earlier maturity—and hence prevent rust. This, we think, is our correspondent's idea. Ashes should be sown as early in the season as possible, as soon as the ground is free from frost.

"Gossip" says that when he saw Melbourne at the Georgetown Fair, three years ago, he was much pleased with him, and also with his half-brother Reward, now owned by Buckner M. Morris, of Chicago. Melbourne, he regards, as of good size and strong build, and a first-rate horse for any purpose. "Gossip" lived for thirty years near the place where Melbourne is owned, and is thoroughly conversant with the fine stock of that section.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: A correspondent from Clay County, signed "D.," says that he has a Blue grass meadow which he designs sowing in wheat this fall, and asks if it would be best to break the land in July, after he has cut the grass, and prepare for winter wheat—or, cultivate a crop of corn this spring and sow wheat at the proper time in the fall.

My experience in such matters tells me that it requires a dozen times as much labor to break a Blue grass meadow in the hot days of July, when the ground is dry and hard, as it does to break it at this season of the year and cultivate a crop of corn through the spring time besides. I regard the difference in favor of plowing now and raising a corn crop, against breaking in July, as equal to more than a full corn crop—for the work of preparing sod land in hot weather for winter wheat, is much greater than the whole work of breaking and cultivating for corn in the spring.

K.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: 1. Can you give me any information about the Chufa or Earth Almond; its culture, and where I can obtain the plant seed? Is it grown in St. Louis county? 2. Will the Cranberry succeed here in the upland clay soils of this county? Is any change in the soil necessary by the addition of sand, for its success? Have you the plants for sale in your nursery? 3. Is the Huckleberry or Whortleberry here at home in our forests, as in the East?—or has the attempt been made already to cultivate and improve it? If so, where can the plants or seeds be obtained.

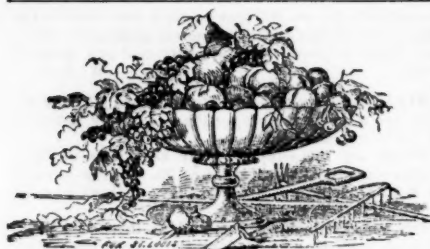
DeG., Sappington, St. Louis Co., Mo.

ANSWER.—1. The Chufa was sent out by the Agricultural Department several years ago, and succeeded tolerably well. We raised it several years. The seed—or, rather small tuber, was obtained from J. H. Gregory, of Marblehead, Mass. We planted in small hills, 18 inches apart each way. They are of doubtful value. 2. We think not; in the few cases in which it has been tried on the uplands here, it did nothing. There are no plants for sale in the nursery. 3. The Huckleberry is abundant on our rocky points, especially on S. W. exposures. They are much kept down by the fires and cattle. We know of no attempts at their improvement or cultivation. Where they are allowed to grow, they do well in these locations in this county without any other care.

TURNER'S SEED SOWER.—Eds. Rural World: In your issue of Feb. 13, you speak of "Turner's Seed Sower and Cultivator." It strikes me as being a good thing—where can it be had, and at what price?

H. McBRIDE, Johnson Co., Kan.

ANSWER.—Address Prof. J. B. Turner, Jacksonville, Ill.



HORTICULTURAL.

PRUNING FRUIT TREES.

MR. EDITOR: There is an article on pruning fruit trees, by Fruit Grower, in your number for Jan. 16th, in which he gives some advice, and also asks the opinions of others. Your correspondent objects to the practice of cutting away a portion of the head of young trees when transplanted. Among other arguments, Fruit Grower says: "If a man loses his feet, should he, on account of that loss, also lose his hands?" Now, this is reasoning from false premises. A man is not a vegetable; he does not receive his nourishment from his feet, as a tree does. If half or three-fourths of its support is cut off in removing a tree from the earth, how is that one fourth or one-half of the root, that remains, to support a top that required the whole root force before removal? To make his logic bear on the point at issue, the writer should prove that, with three-fourths of his stomach paralyzed, or destroyed, he would still be in condition to flourish as when sound; to perfect digestion, secretion and assimilation, as before, when his organism was perfect.

The writer of this well remembers, when a boy, assisting his father in planting apple trees: it was decided to plant one row without pruning a single twig back. In four to five years, the trees that were cut back pretty severely, were in advance of those that were planted entire—besides, the heads were more symmetrical, and not so tall and unsightly. My experience is—remove the top in proportion as the roots have been mutilated.

Fruit Grower also thinks it wrong to cut out the leader, or central stem. That depends altogether on the form the young head takes. The head of the young tree should be so formed that, at the age of 20 or 30 years, no large branches will require amputation.

The writer has had more than a quarter of a century's experience in grafting and pruning, and has learned that a limb four or five inches in diameter never heals. Twenty-five years since, in Central New York, such branches were cut off in ignorance. Two years ago, I saw many a squirrel chased into these trees—they were hollow from the amputated limb to the ground. Therefore, shape your young trees so that, years hence, there will be no cutting away of large branches. Your tree must be so trimmed that sunlight and air will have access to every portion of the head. Fruit grown in the shade, is insipid and dull in its lustre. If this requires the centre stem cut out, remove it—your tree is all right whether you remove the centre or leave it. Avoid crotched trees—ultimately, either from winds, or fruit, or ice, they will

break down. An ice storm in this vicinity, some time since, broke down all the trees of that stamp, and did much damage to fruit and ornamental trees. R. R.

Momence, Kankakee Co., Ills.

ORCHARD CULTURE.

MR. EDITOR: Having considerable experience in orcharding, and as the planting season will soon commence, it will perhaps be beneficial to some of your readers, to learn my *modus operandi*: Before planting an orchard, the ground should be plowed 15 to 18 inches deep, and the trees should be planted on top of the ridges; the lands should be laid off according to the distance the trees are to be planted. For apples 40x40 feet apart, and for peaches 20x20 feet apart, makes a very good distance to lay off and plant an orchard. But I believe we get the greatest income from peach trees, when they are taken—after being paid for—from the nursery, and made into a pile and burnt to ashes, and the same scattered over the ground. I think in that case they will prove a great antidote against worms and curculio, and be the most remunerative to the orchardist. I have an orchard, seven years old, of 4,000 large and fine trees, of which I am cutting down 1,000 this spring; and if any of your learned readers should want the ashes for curculio powder, I will cheerfully dispose of them gratis.

Peaches may be profitable, grown in some locations; but, if so, I have never seen it. Pears are, if any thing, worse. The blight will overtake and destroy them, in most locations. My pear and peach orchard has been a source of great pleasure to me, in watching their growth and anticipating the fine harvests I would make. But, alas! I can only say with the old Roman, "*sic transit gloria mundi*." I have carefully read the proceedings of the late State Horticultural meeting, at Litchfield, but have not found those most significant terms—dollars and cents—in any of the essays. As a matter of course, in ornamenting your door-yard, floral gardens and parks—money is no object; every man and woman being governed by their own inclination on that subject: or, if two to three hundred trees of all the different varieties are planted for family use (which no family should be without), time, labor and money, expended thereon, can be no object. But what I mean to come at, is simply this, and I should like to hear Dr. Hull and Prof. Turner answer: Can a pear or peach orchard be planted and cultivated with hired labor, and enough be realized to pay for same—making no allowance for value of land, taxes, and other improvements? I say not. I should like to know if any root-pruned orchard in this whole Mississippi Valley ever bore enough pears to pay for the labor done? Will Dr. Hull be kind enough to give us the figures of his orchard?

I also read Mr. Earle's theory of tiling, but failed to see a statement of cost of same per acre, and how many acres Mr. Earle had tiled, and what the increased productiveness was of the same. That these things are not beneficial, right and proper, under certain circumstances—I do not mean to say; but, simply impossible, where labor is worth \$1.50 to \$2 per day. The-

orizing, without being able to make practical applications thereof, is worse than useless. It betogs the public mind, and benefits no body. G. C. EISENMAYER.

FROM PIKE COUNTY, MISSOURI.

COL. COLMAN: A short trip to the country has enabled me to make a short report on crops, &c. The wheat prospect is very good, so far, and a largely increased quantity sown.

There is plenty of corn and other feed yet in our county; some cattle and hogs feeding; saw one lot of fat cattle and hogs sold at Ashley—cattle at 6½ cents, and hogs at 8 cents per pound, live weight, which was, I thought, a good sale for the seller. Stock hogs very scarce, and selling high. Mules are in good demand, and bringing good prices. After our long warm spell we have had some very cold weather since latter part of February, but has the appearance of letting up now.

Have been watching with a great deal of interest your Grape Department; and, although sometimes it is somewhat mystifying, yet there is good in all of it. What we want is, experience—for that is what we can profit by. In a former issue of the *Rural World*, Ozark gives his; but he does not go quite far enough—he should let us know where "South Side" is, how his land lays, whether up-land, bottom, timber, or prairie, and the character of the soil—for it is a notorious fact, that all these have a very great influence on the success or failure of small fruits especially.

For the last two years I have raised the Wilson, Russell, Downer's Prolific, Triomphe de Gand, Buffalo, Vicomtesse, Burr's New Pine and the Monroe Scarlet; South-eastern slope, timber land, yellow clay soil (as near as I can tell what it is); and, while the Wilson and Downer's Prolific have done well, all the others are a failure with me, except the Burr's New Pine, which I consider valuable for family use. Downer's Prolific ripening a few days before the Wilson, and continuing in fruit a few days longer, running through the season very even, and in quantity fully up to the Wilson. I also have the Wilson on a Northern slope; same character of soil; it does equally as well, is five days later, and is I believe a brighter, nicer looking berry, and less liable to sun-scauld. I have some ten other kinds that will fruit this season, and will give results. All my plants make runners the first season, and I take off all runners while fruiting.

Who has the real golden Clinton grape? I want some cuttings to graft in my Taylor's Bullits.

Louisiana, Mo., Mar. 8th, 1869. B. F. L.

From Washington County, Mo.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: Herewith, I send you the names of the officers of our County Agricultural and Mechanical Association: Geo. B. Cole, President; John T. Robinson, Vice-President; W. T. Hunter, Treasurer; Geo. B. Clark, Secretary. Directors: Andrew Casey, Fred. Will, Wm. Long, J. B. Johnson, John Teasdale, Firmin Desloge and Frank Harris. The third annual fair will be held on the 29th, 29th and 30th days of September. The premium list is now in the hands of the printer. One marked improvement is, the substitution of a copy of the "*Rural World*" for one year as a premium, where a diploma was heretofore given. In this the Association has acted wisely, consulting not only the interest of the farmer, but also that of the Society. Our county, situated in the center of the lead region, is regarded by immigrants as of interest only to the miner or capitalist—but it can be easily shown that it possesses advantages for the agriculturist or horticulturist far superior to those of almost any other portion of our State. Would a few words, or rather pages, in reference to our county, receive a welcome in the columns of the "*World*." FRANK HARRIS.

REMARKS—Thanks for the prompt response. Most certainly, anything that our friend can truthfully say of Washington county, Mo., to further the general welfare, is always welcome.

[Written for Colman's Rural World.]
Has Our Climate Changed?

It has become quite common lately to attribute the failure of fruit—particularly apples—to a change in the climate. A remarkable cold winter brings forth many predictions that our climate is changing, and the world is to be frozen up; and the opposite extreme in the weather is just as sure to be followed with predictions of a calamity no less direful—that the world is to be burned up. It seems that the word climate was made to suit such extravagant ideas. To speak of a certain climate does not indicate any particular latitude, nor any particular condition of the atmosphere, because let these conditions vary as to latitude or anything else as much as they may, they are all covered by the word climate. Then it is hard to pervert such a word from its true meaning, for it is wide enough to cover all. The definition Humboldt gives of this word, "in its most extended sense," would fill about two pages in the Rural World; nor is there any thing in that long definition that could be called superfluous; yet this word is perverted from its true meaning in this—that the climate can be changed by artificial means. If this can be done, the word is not only of no value, but is a positive hindrance to a correct conveyance of our ideas upon a very important subject. Examples of this can be found from the fact that the failure of fruit in our wooded country is attributed to a change in the climate by removal of the forest; while the fruit fails as badly and just as mysteriously in the prairies, where there is more timber than there was when the fruit was more successful. Then if the climate can be changed by artificial means, there is no definition at all to the word—for, to plant a tree, would change the climate in that vicinity; and to cut one down would do the same thing; and to make an artificial pond, or drain a natural one, would, both alike, change the climate.

Then, to lay all these artificial changes aside—has the climate changed from natural causes? Where geological changes have taken place—to whatever extent that may be—in the same proportion the climate has changed in a natural way in that locality. Heat, in some form, is the only power from which change of climate, or change in anything else can take place.

The mean annual heat derived from the sun, or that radiated from the internal heat of the earth, as indicated by the atmosphere, has not changed to any perceptible extent, since we learned to measure its degrees. The atmosphere that controls the weather has no more power of itself to change its conditions, than have the rocks and solid portions of the earth. Nor is there any proof that it has changed, as a whole, since the creation of man. But the seasons vary and the weather is changeable; and any particular climate is a variable or uniform one, according to the frequency and intensity of these changes. And so is any particular season a variable one, according to the changes of the weather within that period. So inscrutable are these changes, that it seems as much God's design, that we should not know the future conditions of the weather, as that we do not know the future of other things. Any extreme condition of the weather is made extraordinary in proportion to the unfrequency of its occurrence; but so nearly do the same kinds of weather return within comparatively short intervals—that, when a man repeats that he never saw such weather, he generally tells that which is not strictly true. The winter of 1828 was extraordinary for a high degree of temperature, and the like of it has not returned to the Ohio valley since. That winter ice made no more than one inch thick on ponds of shallow water. On the 11th of March, 1830, in southern Indiana, peach trees were in bloom; yet there was a full crop of fruit the same year. Four years after that there was frost for five consecutive nights, in the month of May, killing thousands of forest trees after the leaves were grown. There was frost every month in that year at Indianapolis—and the same, excepting July, at Madison, Indiana. In this locality, the severest degree of cold, in December of the present winter, was one degree below zero. January was remarkable for uniformity of temperature, and until the 10th of February, the peach buds were in a condition to stand a zero freeze. Between that and the 24th, there was warm sunshine in the day-time, with but little or no freezing at nights. This so developed the buds, that the color of the bloom could be seen. On the morning of the 24th, the mercury stood at twenty degrees above zero, killing a few buds of the most tender kinds, leaving plenty for a full crop.

So far as peaches and apples are concerned, I believe that for the last ten years, they have been as exempt from killing frosts, as for any other ten years since the country was settled. That there has been, for the last few years, other causes for failure—few will deny. What these causes are, it is not easy to tell. There are probably different causes, among which climatic change is least, and change of climate the greatest.

That is, the trees change climate when they change localities from the nursery to the orchard. At least you will find on examination of old files of Agricultural papers, the coincident that when railroads were extended, that "commercial nurseries" became institutions, and the cry that young orchards were failing in the West in consequence of change of climate soon followed.

A. D., OTTO, IND.

THE JANET APPLE.

COL. COLMAN: I have read several articles in your paper recently, relating to the Janet or Genet apple.

My father moved to Missouri in 1836, from Albemarle Co., Va. I was a small boy at the time, but I remember the Janet or Genet apple—accent on last syllable. We heard nothing of *Jenneting* until we came to Missouri. Pleasant Hill, Mo. G. C. BROADHEAD.

BLACK CAP RASPBERRIES.

MR. N. J. COLMAN: In your issue of Feb. 6th, Concord says there appears to be some confusion in the various Black Caps in cultivation. After growing them for several years, he has become convinced that the Doolittle, Miami, McCormick, or big Miami—are all the same variety.

I do not know where Concord got his Miami plants, nor do I care to know. Of one thing there is no mistake: Doolittle and Miami are certainly different. I have a large piece of each, planted same time; cultivated same way; growing side by side. The Doolittles are ripe and about gone when the Miamis are fit to pick—or a week's difference in time of ripening.—The canes of Miami are stronger, growing much thicker, and there are less spines on the Miami. The wind does not blow so many down; they are firmer rooted; there is not much difference in the quality of the fruit, though I prefer the Miami of the two. There is also a decided difference in the two, about drying up. Under the same cultivation, the Miami will ripen a far larger proportion of the fruit set, than will the Doolittle. I find that mine are planted too close—six feet between the rows. Eight feet is better; planting 2 feet in the rows; trimming them 2½ feet high; using no stakes. H.

Bunker Hill, Ill.

SPARE THE BIRDS.

MR. N. J. COLMAN: I am so much pleased with Mr. Huggins' essay on the planting and care of apple orchards, that I wish to say, I heartily agree with him: and I am particularly pleased when he says he encourages the birds to come. I too, sir, have done all I can to encourage them to come on my farm, believing as he does, that they are true and welcome allies in the insect warfare, besides, their enchanting songs that inspire our inmost souls to deeds of love and gratitude to the Giver of all our joys. Indeed, sir, it made my heart ache, when I heard some of the fruit growers, at the Horticultural meeting at Bunker Hill last December, declare vengeance against the birds. But, I would say, don't kill the birds. But, you fruit growers club together and offer a good reward for a scare crow (as we farmers call it) that will scare the birds away from your fruit.—In all probability, you will turn the talents of some Yankee in that direction; and, by the time your grapes and cherries are ripe, you may have something that will save the birds' lives and your fruit too, without the loss of powder and shot. But, do spare the life of the birds!

Litchfield, Ill.

A. S. A.

[Reported for Colman's Rural World.]
Meramec Horticultural Society.

EUREKA, March 4, 1869.

The regular monthly meeting was held in the School House: President Bell in the chair.

Samples of California brandy were presented by Messrs. Crane and Letcher, of St. Louis—a most excellent article; and of Concord wine, by John S. Seymour—very good.

The question of having a plowing match, was discussed at length, when it was,

RESOLVED, That a premium of fifty dollars, in a silver testimonial, be offered to the best plowman.—And two premiums, of \$25 each, for the best plows for old and new land. A Committee of Five was appointed to make the necessary arrangements, to report at next meeting, viz: Wm. Harris, John Letcher, Wm. Brown, Josias Tippet and Wm. Muir.

The development of fungoid growths was taken up, but without eliciting any definite information.

The discussion of the "Apple" was postponed till next meeting.

The President announced the next meeting to be held at the Bethel School, on the State Road, on the first Thursday of April at 10 A. M.

WM. MCIN, Sec.

Meeting of the Douglas County, Kansas, Horticultural Society.

The Douglas County Horticultural Society, met at the office of Capt. James Christian, March 2nd. The meeting was called to order by the President, and the Secretary being absent, Geo. C. Brackett was chosen Secretary pro-tem. The reading of the minutes being dispensed with, Mr. Brackett called attention to a report of the last meeting's proceedings as published in the daily State Journal, claiming that the reporter misunderstood the remarks of one of the members.—This raised quite a tempest, but the member supposed to be misrepresented, arose and stated that the remarks of the reporter were correct as far as stated, but that he did not go far enough. In substance, the report was correct. Mr. Joseph Savage read an essay on apple culture.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Savage for his very interesting address. Then followed a discussion by several members on different parts of the address, some approving and some condemning.—Mr. Brackett still clinging to his pet idea, that trees are like animals, and ought to be developed to their greatest perfection before fruit is expected. He pitched into the essay, in reference to tree mutilation, as being contrary to vegetable physiology.

In reply, Mr. Savage made some very sensible and timely remarks on the idea of following old beaten paths. He suggested this idea some two or three years ago, and it brought down upon him the wrath of certain old nurserymen; but he could not help that; it worked well with him, and he found it profitable. He did not look on it as a sin to kill a tree, if he succeeded in making it bear him a good crop of nice apples five or six years sooner. The young trees cost but a trifle. He still adhered to his former doctrine (notwithstanding what has been said against it) of close planting the trees and trimming, so as to bring them into early bearing. In a new country like this, where fruit is scarce, he would recommend all to force a portion of their trees to insure early fruit.

Mr. Byram fully coincided with Mr. Savage's views of close planting and early fruiting.

The discussion was prolonged by a number of members, on the subject of the essay and other matters, when the meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting, March 16th. C.

NOTES ON THE SEASON.

A correspondent sends the following:

Catawba, badly killed; Clinton, unhurt; Hartford, about four joints of tips killed; Concord, about two joints of tips killed; N. C. Seedling, about one joint of tips killed; Mary Ann, barely tipped; peaches, about all killed; late winter wheat, very badly frozen out—early sown, in very fair condition. Have not examined apples, pears, cherries and plums. Snow to the depth of three inches fell here fast night.

Barry, Mo., Mar. 11th.

The Fruit Growers' Association at Rochester, have been discussing whether it pays to raise a large crop of a prolific variety, or a few of the choice and high-priced sorts. One gentleman said that in Rochester it cost six cents to grow a quart of Wilson strawberries. The testimony was that, it is more profitable to raise the finer varieties.

The Vineyard.

GRAPE DISEASE.

Few subjects have engaged the attention of practical men more widely or earnestly, than the "Rot and Mildew" in the grape. Well may this disease engross so much attention, as it stands like an "unkindly ghost" at the door of the vineyardist; at all times marring his pleasures, and often blighting in a day the labors of months, and robbing him of the reward of his industry and care.

The theories that are supposed, by ardent enthusiasts, to underlie this Rot—are various, and comprise almost every conceivable natural action and phenomenon of vegetable life. By one, it is traceable to the mechanical structure of the soil; by another, to its chemical elements; by another, to its relative position—some find the cause in the rain, clouds, air or temperature—some again, think it springs from a defect in constitutional vigor, which is incidental to, and inseparable from, certain varieties.

This multiplicity of opinion on the nature of the disease, has given rise to a corresponding diversity in the remedies proposed.

There are a few considerations that appear of great importance. There are quite a number of persons who claim to be in possession of remedies. While we have no sympathy with the host of nostrum mongers and empirical cure-alls, so persistently urged in every form of disease, the opposite extreme is to be avoided: that of rejecting every remedy proposed, because the mode of its operation is unknown.

Foremost among the remedial agents is, the application of sulphur, lime, ashes, or road-dust, by the bellows, which has been attended with such beneficial results in France, and have been, so far, valuable in this country, when applied at a very early period. Its action is, perhaps, more certain as a preventive than as a cure. With many of these applications, much depends upon their prompt application.

Mr. Summer, of Pomaria, South Carolina, and Mr. Goebel, of St. Louis, both claim to have discovered a remedy. Both of these men stand high in the estimation of their acquaintances. Of the absolute value of their remedies, we cannot speak from personal experience, but hope to be able to give a positive opinion during the coming season.

It may seem, to some, strange that there should be any hope of obtaining any one remedy for a disease that seems to have its origin in such a diversity of conditions. We find that there is much of this disease traceable, as inhering in varieties, as depending on mere location, or culture, or pruning, or composition of the soil; and, however much the causes do diverge, they seem to culminate in a fungoid condition, that, by abstracting the nutrient elements in the plant, or by acting as a direct poison—destroy its vitality. As in animals, cold, wet, exposure, insufficiency of food, or over-working—will, singly or unitedly, produce itch, mange, lousiness, and these will end in death—so it may be with the vine. And, ages before the true nature of itch and mange was known, it was an established fact in medicine,

that sulphur was a complete remedy; and all the researches of science have failed to improve upon this. So we may find it more easy and successful to apply some such medicament, than to control the conditions that are productive of the disease. We thus early call attention to this subject, as the time for observation and experiment is now approaching; and the importance of the subject justifies extended inquiry in every possible channel. There is no point too insignificant to attend to, and no fact connected with the nature, progress, governing conditions, or remedies—but will be of value, if tending to a clearer understanding of the disease or the discovery of a cure.

WHEN TO CUT TIMBER.

EDS. RURAL WORLD: The wise man said, There is a time for everything under the sun. But, the unanswered question has been, *when* is the time? Your correspondent, Hon. F. Muench, in a former issue, fixes the time *when* for some things. "The worst time to cut timber is, in May, when the sap is most copiously ascending; and the best time in July." These he states, are the results of his own experience. That much, then, is settled by facts observed—this is the way to settle such and similar questions. A fact, says Webster, "is an effect produced." But, there is no effect without a cause: what, then, is the cause or causes of the facts stated by Mr. Muench?

In my lecture on the "Economy of Vegetation," delivered in January at the Illinois Industrial University, I stated the cause, and from the cause inferred the effects theoretically; which, by a strange coincidence, agree with the dates given by Mr. Muench. My argument, in brief, ran about as follows: In the seed, the mother plant stores up starch enough to serve the plantlet until it is organized and can supply itself. When the store is exhausted, longitudinal growth for the season stops; and, during the remainder of the season, the plant is employed in laying up a store of starch for longitudinal growth the next year. Growth the next year continues until the stores of starch laid up are exhausted; which is about the summer solstice (June 20.) This is repeated from year to year, until the little embryo of the acorn becomes the giant oak of the forest. I however made three allotments of work for the plant—first, the vernal growth or longitudinal extension, ending about June 25th; second, lateral growth of the cambium, and bast cells, lasting until about the 1st of August; third, production of starch and alkaloids, and storing the former in the cambium and albumen, both of the stem and roots, but more copiously in the roots until the close of the season. The alkaloids stored in the bark and bast are the medicinal properties of the plant, and are often highly poisonous. The process of digestion of starch I showed to be—first, conversion into compounds isomeric with starch; second, these into albumen and the albuminoids; and, finally, these latter into cellulose and parenchyma, which form the organic structure.

Now, since longitudinal growth ends with the exhaustion of starch; and lateral growth before its production for reserve the next year—

the inference drawn was, that wood cut in July, would be more durable than at any other time, for two reasons: no starch to nourish worms, and no albumen to cause decay. That the worst time was May; because then the starch was nearly all transformed into albumen and its compounds; and albumen being an azotized compound, was like all compounds containing nitrogen—very unstable. In fact, the albumen in fresh meat, is the cause of its rapid decay. The reason why the best time to kill aprons was in July and August, was, because they had not yet laid up starch for growth next year. Late summer pruning of the grape vine was condemned, for the same reason. It was suggested that the time for cutting Timothy could be determined on the same principle; and so of other practical applications, which could be made available to the farmer in his operations.

JOHN H. TICZ.

TIME TO CUT TIMBER.—J. H. P., Dyersburg, Tenn., writes: "The best time to cut timber, to prevent its being eaten up by the worms, is in February." He has found that, by boring a hole, six inches deep, slanting downward near the ground, with an inch auger, and putting about half a pint of linseed oil in it, then plugging up with a cork, will cause the post to last fifteen or twenty years. The hole has to be refilled with the oil every third year.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

BY A. FENDLER, ESQ., ALLENTON, MO.
FEBRUARY, 1869.

Thermometer in open air, in the shade.
7 A.M. 2 P.M. 9 P.M. Mean of Month.
28° 8 45° 1 34° 2 36° 0
Maximum temp. 76° 5, on the 12th.
Minimum " 5° 5, on the 28th.

Range, 71° 0 degrees.

Wet bulb Thermometer.
7 A.M. 2 P.M. 9 P.M. Mean of Month.
27° 6 38° 9 32° 2 32° 9
Barometer—height reduced to freezing point.
7 A.M. 2 P.M. 9 P.M. Mean of Month.
29.535 29.495 29.503 29.511
Maximum, 30.033, on the 28th, 7 A. M.
Minimum, 29.009, on the 3d, 7 A. M.

Range, 1.024 inches.
Rain on the 2d, 8th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 21st.
Snow on the 3d and 22d.
Total amount of rain and melted snow, 2.45 inches.
Depth of snow, 2½ inches.

	Average temp.	Rain.
February, 1866,	29° 7	2.24 inches.
February, 1867,	38° 1	3.48 "
February, 1868,	33° 2	0.82 "
February, 1869,	36° 0	2.45 "

THE WEATHER

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH THE 12TH, 1869.

The past week has been one of a most disagreeable character, well calculated to cause the farmers to feel dull. The 6th began with a very high wind, continuing cold all day. On the 7th a few drops of rain and hail, which varied with rain and snow, till the evening of the 10th. The wind which had been mostly in the East, settled in the West and N. W., freezing all up quite hard. On the 12th, it brightened up very much, the temperature rising rapidly and high. Wild geese passed to the North, and flocks of the passenger pigeon were frequent.

The entire appearances are now of a much more pleasant and settled character than have been for the last three weeks.

Mean of the week, 33° 61.
Maximum on the 12th, at 2 P. M., 60°.
Minimum on the 6th, at 7 A. M., 7°.
Range, 53°.

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EDITOR'S TABLE.

FRUIT LANDS.

We are daily having inquiries from parties residing
in other States, for cheap fruit lands. We think
the lands lying on the I. M. R. R., are among the best in
the State for fruit purposes, and being due south of
St. Louis much can be gained in earliness. Mr. G. W.
Kent, of Farmington, Mo., owns some fifteen hundred
acres of good fruit land about eighty miles south of
St. Louis on the line of this railroad. This land has
several improvements upon it, and can be had from
five to ten dollars per acre. Parties wishing to pur-
chase can address him as above.

THE MONTHLY REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AG-
RICULTURE, for JANUARY, 1869, has reached us. From
this we glean that the entire wheat crop was fully
average in quantity and quality; that the area sown
last fall is larger than usual, and the appearance of
the crop is above average. The price is very much
lower than for several years past.

The corn crop has not been quite as large as ex-
pected; but good on the whole; there is quite consid-
erable complaint of "musty" corn. In potatoes, the
crop is good and the price low.

In sugar, the importations have exceeded the pre-
vious year, and the production in the United States
is also larger. The rise in the price at present is en-
tirely owing to the disturbances in Cuba.

This issue of the report has a good paper on "For-
ests," by the Hon. J. M. Edmunds. It contains many
excellent ideas, and shows that the treeless plains can
be covered with forest without great effort. "By
plowing large tracts in the vicinity of the timbered
belts, and leaving the upturned soil uncultivated to
receive the seeds scattered by the birds and wind—the
growth of forest plants would be aided and multi-
plied to an indefinite extent, and thus millions of
trees might be grown in place of the hundreds which
now struggle up through the unbroken sward." We
are pleased to see this "Forest" question coming up
in every quarter. A practical public opinion will thus
be created on the subject.

SALES OF SHORT-HORNS.—D. McMillan reports the
following sales:—To Edward Hes, Springfield, Ills.,
Mary Washington, by imp Challenger, 324; dam,
Sarah Gaudy, by Wellington, 2,366. Clementine, by
Sir Robt. Alexander, 3,440; dam, Sallie Bell, by Afton,
1,178. Escort, by Duke of Madison; dam, Clementine,
do. Frederika, by Gen. Grant, 4,825; dam, 4th Duch-
ess of Oakland, by Duke of Thorndale, 2,787.

To J. R. Erwin, Princeton, Ind., Airdrie, Duke of
Oakland, by 11th Duke of Airdrie; dam, Highland
Lady, by imp. King Alfred, 3,053 (14,760).

To John A. Foos, Marion Co., Ohio, Grand Com-
mander, by Gen. Grant, 4,825; dam, Lucy, by Young
Marquis, 3,603.

OHIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—Some time ago,
the Legislature of Ohio appointed a committee to name
a location for the proposed agricultural college. This
committee has decided in favor of Urbana, Champaign
county. The Champaigners seem to be great patrons
of agricultural schools.

The wheat crop in this county, has suffered on ac-
count of the changeable freezing and thawing weather,
but we are gratified at the report of some of our best
farmers, that it is not as bad as they expected some
time ago. The breadth of land sown is much larger
than ever before.—[Howard county Advertiser.

FROM SOUTH-WEST MO.—Thomas Dolby writes us
from Neosho, March the 2d, 1869, as follows: "Fruit
buds all right here, as the thermometer has only been
down to about zero twice during the winter; namely
Dec. 10th and Feb. 23d. I believe the Newton county
frogs a little ahead, as I heard their singing for the
first time this year on the 6th of Feb. Have com-
menced to sow oats.

GARDENER WANTED.—Hon. L. Salisbury, of Salis-
bury, Chariton Co., Mo., wishes to engage a Garden-
er. Any one wanting a situation, cannot find a bet-
ter man in Missouri than Mr. Salisbury.

E. Y. Teas, the well-known nurseryman, of
Richmond, Indiana, says that the impression of his
having moved to Missouri, now believed by many, is
all a mistake. He is still at his old headquarters.—
A brother of Mr. Teas is making a new home in Mo.

On Sunday evening, at eight o'clock, St. Louis ex-
perienced the rather singular phenomenon of a snow
storm accompanied by lightning and thunder. This
morning the thermometer stood at 15° below 0.

TAKE NOTICE.

We send to every subscriber twenty-four seeds of
the Improved Alton Nutmeg Melon, provided stamp-
ed envelopes are enclosed to us with the address of
the party to whom they are to be sent, written upon
them—and not otherwise.

The Pacific railroad is now open, and letter-mails
will hereafter be sent overland. Newspaper mails
will go by steamer.

Eggs.—From Hencken's store, near the edge of St.
Louis Co., three hundred dozen of eggs have been
taken each week, for the last six weeks. This is good
for one of about twenty stores in the township.

RESIGNATION.—The resignation of Jonathan Peri-
am, Esq., Farm Superintendent of Illinois Agricul-
tural College, at Champaign, has been accepted, and
his place as Model Farmer is to be filled by Prof.
Bliss, of the faculty, who we learn is well qualified to
assume the responsible position. Mr. Periam goes to
Chatsworth, Ills., and will henceforth be identified
with the best sugar interest of that place. He can
raise the beets if any body can.

BOOK NOTICES.

GRAY'S SCHOOL AND FIELD BOOK OF BOTANY.—
Through the courtesy of the publishers, Messrs. Ivison,
Phinney, Blakeman & Co., New York, we are in re-
ceipt of the above work, which we have examined with
the greatest interest and satisfaction.

Prof. Asa Gray has long been considered standard
authority on the Botany of the United States, and his
"Lessons" and "Manual" have probably done more
to promote the study of this delightful branch of nat-
ural history than the works of any other American
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bining the main features of "First Lessons" with the
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The chapters on structural botany and vegetable
physiology, are expressed in a style at once concise and
simple, and, with the numerous and wonderfully ac-
curate illustrations, cannot fail to convey the correct
idea to the learner and impress it indelibly upon his
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The analytical key to the natural orders, contains
careful descriptions of our indigenous Flora, and also
of such exotics as are of common garden and green-
house culture—the latter being a new and very desir-
able feature of the work. To these is appended a
glossary of botanical terms, the most extensive and
complete of any we have yet met with.

Altogether we feel convinced that the "School and
Field Book" is the desideratum in its line, and des-
tined to become the most popular work on botany yet
given to the public. Price \$2.50. For sale at the office
of the Rural World.

THE WESTERN MONTHLY, Reed and Tuttle, 115 Mad-
ison St., Chicago. We have received a copy of this
new journal, devoted to literature, biography, and the
interests of the West. Its contents are good, and
will be eagerly read by a wide circle of readers in the
West. "How and what to eat," is a most excellent
article.

THE PHONOGRAPHIC ADVOCATE, Jas. E. Munson,
117 Nassau St., N. Y. This is but a sample of a new
journal, and will no doubt improve as it proceeds. We
have used this art for over twenty-five years, and can
speak unhesitatingly in its favor.

Nothing can be of greater use to a progressive young
man; to the student, it is invaluable.

ALLIBONE'S DICTIONARY OF AUTHORS.—Messrs. J.
B. Lippincott & Co., of Philadelphia, are about to
issue the completion of Dr. Allibone's "Dictionary of
English Literature, and British and American Au-
thors,"—the first volume of which was published some
years since by Mr. G. W. Childs. Persons desiring
Vols. II. and III. uniform with the original edition
of Vol. I., to complete their sets, are invited to send
their names to the publishers.

ST. LOUIS GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE RURAL WORLD AND VALLEY FARMER,

March 16th, 1869.

The recent incoming of a new administration, has
its effect upon the general monetary arrangement of
commerce. No large mercantile operations are entered
into, because of the uncertainty of the temper and
policy of the new head of the National Treasury. Yet
we have no reason to feel uneasy. The contraction
of the currency will be gradual, and the resumption of
specie payment is yet in the future. In the mean time,
every wise business-man will shape his course so as
not to be caught "napping." Our markets, as far as
grain, cattle, provisions, and hogs are concerned, have
been quiet; and we could consistently refer to our last
week's reports as valid for this week also. But the
"Rural World" gets into new hands every week, and
for those, and such as do not preserve their papers
(we hope there are but few who do not preserve them),
we must complete our task, and do it cheerfully. Wheat
and flour are dull and lower; many of our Millers are
out of the market, and buyers are few. Provisions
quiet, but firm. Hides and tallow in demand, and
firmer. We quote:

TOBACCO—Strong and active, for new, common fil-
lers. Sound conditioned new lugs, \$4@6; unsound
and common old, \$6@8; sound do, \$8@9 50; dark
factory, dried shippers, \$9@11; medium bright fillers,
\$13@16.

HEMP—Not much doing. Choice dressed would
bring \$245 @ ton.

FLOUR—Although generally quoted dull and lower,
is retailing at a slight advance. Choice XXX, \$3 25;
family, \$9 50.

RYE FLOUR—Country dull, \$6 50@7 @ bbl.

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receipts for this time of year. Spring, range \$1 10@
1 23; red and white winter, range from \$1 40@1 80,
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CORN—Dull and lower. Yellow mixed, 57@60c;
No. 1 pure white, or yellow, 60@65c @ bus.

OATS—Lower and declining. Choice to fancy white,
63@65c; mixed and common, 58@62c @ bus.

BARLEY—This is the first time for six months that
barley has been quoted lower and on a decline, al-
though the market has fluctuated a little at times.—
Prime Illinois malting, \$1 75@1 90; Iowa, \$2.

HAY—Slightly depressed. Range of market, \$21@
23 50 @ ton.

LARD—At 13c @ lb.

TALLOW—In demand and firmer. Prime at 11½c.

HIDES—Very firm. We quote dry flint active at
25½c; dry salt inactive at 21@21½c; green do, stiff at
11½@12c.

WOOL—We quote: Tub-washed, 52@54c; do and
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27@33c.

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BRANS—Common white, at \$2 10; choice medium at
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BUTTER—Scarce, active and firm. We quote com-
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choice roll, 39@40c; choice and extra packed, 40@42c.

POULTRY—Nothing in market. Would have ready
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18@20c @ lb, for turkeys.

RUTA BAGAS—Sales 30 bbls at \$1 15 @ bbl.

BROOM CORN—We quote at \$250@350.

REFINED SUGARS, Etc.—Lower. Belcher's card of
the 15th quotes: Crushed and powdered sugars, 17½@
17¾c; granulated, 17¾c; coffee, 15½@16½c; sugar loaf
syrup, \$1 25; golden do, \$1 10; S. H. S. Molasses, 85c.

APPLES—Scarce. Common to choice, @ bbl, \$4
50@7 50.

FEATHERS—Prime live geese, @ lb, 75c.

PRAS—Green, @ bus, \$2 65@2 75.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

Receipts of cattle less than the preceding week, but
equal to butchers' demand; few of extra quality com-
ing in. As to hogs, the cold weather has favored
slaughtering, and the last of the hog crop has been
brought forward. Those of our readers, who took our
advice of early winter, viz: to fatten good sized shoats,
have found it to pay. For good, fat cattle, the market
ranges from \$5 50 to \$7; store cattle bring \$4@5, and
are often sold at so much per head. Hogs bring from
\$9 25 to \$10, according to weight and quality. Sheep
from \$3 25 to \$5 50.



"THY KINGDOM COME."

Now, in the heat and burden of the day,
Father, 'twere faithless of thy child to pray
That Thou should'st call me to Thyself away:
Nay, rather I will kneel, and kneeling, say,
Father—"Thy will be done."

Yet the work presses, and the hands hang down,
And in much weeping is the good seed sown:
Oh! for the harvest, and the bringing home,
Oh! for the Master's Presence with his own,
Father—"Thy Kingdom come."

THE COMING GIRL.

COL. COLMAN: The Coming Girl was the heading of an article in your paper of March 6th; and, though I am the mother of two daughters—yet I am not at all anxious to see them married and should not feel at all distressed if they were both to die *Old Maids*—(as woman, for many reasons besides the fact that she cannot get a man to unite his fortunes with her's)—is derisively called. That term has ceased to be a reproach, and many a married woman wishes that she was an *Old Maid*, without the cares of a family and the disgrace of a drunken husband.

The coming girl will vote—so says the article—and, if she does, it will not be that she cares particularly to do so; but, because she will think that society will be made better for her so doing. In every generation since the Fall, woman has endeavored to adapt herself to the wishes of man. If he is strong-minded and just, caring little for the fashions and privations of life—so is she; if he casts off the restraints and well-being of good society—so does she. It is not woman's fault, that our present generation suffers, for man rules as inexorably as he ever did; if it were not so, why is she knocking at the doors of our Legislative halls for admittance; and why is she compelled now, as ever, to resort to means (to obtain her wishes) that she abhors? The coming girl, in my estimation, will be just what the coming boy will make her—no more nor less. M. S. M.

St. Louis, Mar. 5th.

THE WIFE.

Once let a woman be sure she is precious to her husband—not useful, nor valuable, not convenient simply, but lovely and beloved—let her be the recipient of his polite and hearty attention; let her feel that her care and love are noticed, appreciated and returned; let her opinion be asked, her approval sought, her judgment respected in matters with which she is cognizant; in short, let her only be loved, honored and cherished in fulfillment of the marriage vow—and she will be to her husband, children, and society a well-spring of pleasure. She will bear pain, and toil, and anxiety—for her husband's love is to her a tower and fortress. Shielded and sheltered therein, adversity will have lost its sting. She may suffer—but sympathy will dull the edge of sorrow. A house with love in it—and by love I mean love expressed in words, and looks, and deeds—for I have not one spark

of faith in love that never crops out)—is to a house without love, as a person to a machine; one is life, the other is mechanism. The unloved woman may have bread just as light, a house just as tidy as the other; but the latter has a spring of beauty about her, a joyousness, an aggressive, penetrating, and pervading brightness, to which the former is a stranger. The deep happiness in her heart shines out in her face. She gleams over it. She is full of devices and plots, and sweet surprises for her husband and family. She has never done with the romance and poetry of life. She, herself, is a lyric poem, setting herself to all pure and gracious melodies. Humble household ways and duties have for her a golden significance. The prize makes her calling high, and the end sanctifies the means. "Love is heaven, and heaven is love."—Henry Ward Beecher.

LIGHT.

EDITOR RURAL WORLD: Sir Isaac Newton discovered the attraction of gravitation, and was aware that there was an opposing centrifugal force, but he was wholly ignorant of its nature. He was misled by the teachings of his day, that light was not an element; and failed, strangely enough, to discover it.

I claim to be the true discoverer of this power—that it is simply light that sustains and spreads out the starry heavens.

It emanates from the sun, and other luminous bodies, in great volume and with great force and velocity. The power of light is sufficient to repulse, drive, or float off, this earth, and the other planets belonging to our solar system, to a certain distance from the sun, which is in every instance to be determined according to their respective densities, or the affinity which the sun possesses for them, and also according to the particular strata of light in which they move around the sun. When thus driven off by the power of the sun's light, they find an equilibrium in its light, adjusted between its repulsive power and the sun's attraction. There they would all remain stationary and fixed, without performing any revolutions, if the sun did not revolve.

But the sun does revolve; and as it revolves, its light, also, revolves with it; and as the light revolves, it strikes the fourth part of the earth and the planets next to the sun with great projectile power, and drives them forward in their orbits around the sun, and at the same time compels them to turn on their own axes—because the light travels nearly fifteen times as fast as our cumbrous earth, and consequently does not exert any projectile force in the front of its course in its orbits.

The sun revolves from left to right, to those planets situated in the light of its southern hemisphere; and from right to left, to those in the northern. The planets all revolve in the same course that the sun revolves—for they are compelled to do so by the force of its light. The earth and planets revolve on their own axes contrary to the sun. The sun throws off light with greater power at the equator than at the poles. Hence, if the planets, Saturn or Uranus, were placed over the poles of the sun, their densities would cause them to approach much nearer to it; and if they were precisely over the poles of the sun, they would not revolve on their axes nor in any orbit, but appear as fixed stars.

The light issues from the sun in all directions, and revolves above and below the sun's equator in basin or funnel-shape; and may (and in fact does) drive planets in their orbits, the planes of which are not through the centre of the sun, but far above it. This earth is an example. It revolves in an orbit far above the sun. If otherwise, the large planets Jupiter, Saturn and others, revolve in the light of the sun's southern hemisphere and have the planes of their orbits far below the sun.

The large stars apparently in the region of the North star prove my philosophy to be correct—and so do those of the southern hemi-

sphere. There are numerous planets belonging to our solar system which have been attributed to others. The planets never cross each other's courses—which also proves my discovery to be correct.

The moon revolves around the earth by the aid, chiefly, of reflected light. At new moon she is in the dense light of the sun and also the reflected light of the earth; her density is not sufficient to remain there, so she is forced or driven out, by the reflected light of our earth, to the first quarter, apparently, above our earth. The attraction of the earth and projectile force given by the strong light at her position at the new-moon-phase, carry her in a curved line beyond the earth's orbit, in opposition to the sun where she presents the full moon. She would then fly to the earth—as the sun and the earth both attract her; but her own reflected light, which is now thrown strongly against the earth, bears her away. At the full-moon-phase, she is too far from the sun for her density; and consequently begins to return. She is borne around our earth, when without its orbit, by her own reflected light, and by that of our earth while within it; and while seeking a denser light she passes on to the third quarter, and then on to the new-moon-phase—and so on forever, and this chiefly by reflected light, but combined with the attraction of the earth and sun. The revolution of the moon on her own axis, is destroyed by the earth's attraction and by reflected light causing her poles to be inverted. The poles of the planets have much influence with their revolutions on their own axes.

Reflected light has and will forever prevent collisions among the planets. The philosophy I advance, is far superior to that of Newton. His supposes a nice equilibrium, which, if for a moment lost, would cause all the planets to fly off into void space or fly to the sun. Such cannot be the fact. God, in his wisdom and power, would not, nor did not create the universe on such a rickety plan. The whole is characterized by firmness, harmony, equanimity and eternity. For illustration, take our earth, if possible millions of miles farther from the sun or to the sun, and when released it will sink or rebound to its present orbit and revolve as now; because there is its only proper strata of light, and no equilibrium can be found for it anywhere else; and so of all the planets and fixed stars—if all grouped into a comparatively small constellation—when released, they would all rebound to their proper places by the force of their own lights. The light of one luminary compels the others to remain in their proper positions, and to revolve on their own axes, thus driving their own planets in their orbits, and on their respective axes. No disaster ever has, or can, befall any of the heavenly bodies.

Our solar system is an inferior one. There are a second grade of systems, and all are crowned with a third grand system. These higher systems drive comets through ours, and their eccentric orbits may be explained from the fact that they are merely seeking a light suited to their densities. Their composition is such that the sun has but little attraction for them, and its light but little power over them. Like the visible things of earth, they are after their own kind, and God has arranged the whole with admirable harmony. Dirt and slime are the proper elements for the worms—water for the fishes—air for man and animals—and light for the heavenly bodies, God and his angels. The frog would not exchange the slime of his pond for the splendor and elegance of the king's palace.

Light is a grand element, and not only sustains the starry heavens, but has produced them. It begets them, as this earth begets vegetation. The planets are indebted to it for their existence, for their rotundity, for their revolutions, as our earth is for its seasons—though heat and cold do not any where exist, aside from our atmosphere and its influence. The temperatures of

the sun and all other celestial bodies, unless surrounded with air as this earth, are of the most equable, serene and joyful description, and instead of destroying, prolong life eternally. I shall publish my views more extensively the present year in a work entitled, "A philosophy of Heaven, Earth and the Millennium." I have submitted my philosophy to learned professors of Europe and America, and will shortly receive their answers, if they are not too diffident. I am not fearful of their verdict. If against me, I have reason, facts and the authority of the Bible to aid me.

Light is "the heaven" spoken of by Christ in his similitude of the kingdom of God—and I affirm that he was a powerful philosopher, and taught the doctrines I now advocate—and I hope philosophers will agree with me in saying, that science proves his divinity.

As to the Millennium, I am not a false prophet as to its time—but endeavor only to prove that it will be an astronomical event, caused by the passage of a celestial body in its orbit; which will be, from its proximity, more luminous than the sun; and, for the time, will dispel strife, pain, hunger, death, &c., from the earth, and thus bind Satan, and prepare the way for the second advent of Christ and the angels.

I would be thankful to learned astronomers for their opinions, even, if against me.

Respectfully,
Versailles, Mo., Feb. 15. JAMES A. SPURLOCK.

THE COMING GIRL AGAIN.

MR. COLMAN: Allow me, through your columns, to answer the article in your last number headed, "The Coming Girl:"

It is probable she will vote—the progress of civilization demands it; and it is to be hoped she will be educated with such a degree of self-reliance, as to be able to live without the aid and rule of a husband; that she may be so useful to the world and the promoter of so much happiness, that the term, "Old Maid," will cease to be a stigma, and become one of honor; that she will read her Bible, and be governed by its divine precepts: but, extend the limits of her reading beyond that and the cookery book, until it embraces History, Science and Political Economy; and, that her life will be so regulated, that she will have no more necessity to walk five miles a day for health, than the coming boy; and will have the same opportunity and privilege to ride that distance, when occasion demands her to make it.

OLD MAID.

St. Louis, Mar. 6th.

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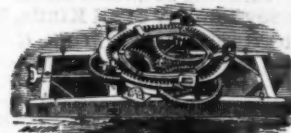
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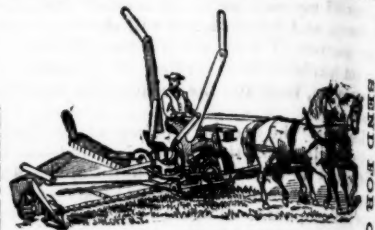
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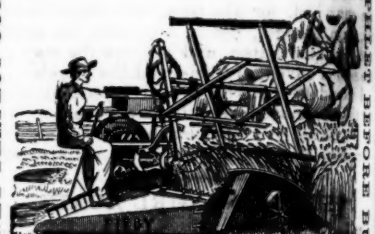
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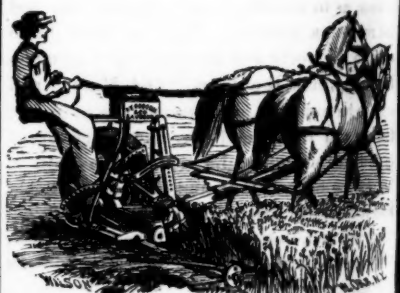
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